

## ANL Capabilities for Hydrogen Storage:

# Chemical Hydride Center (lead) & Carbon / Hydrides (contributor)

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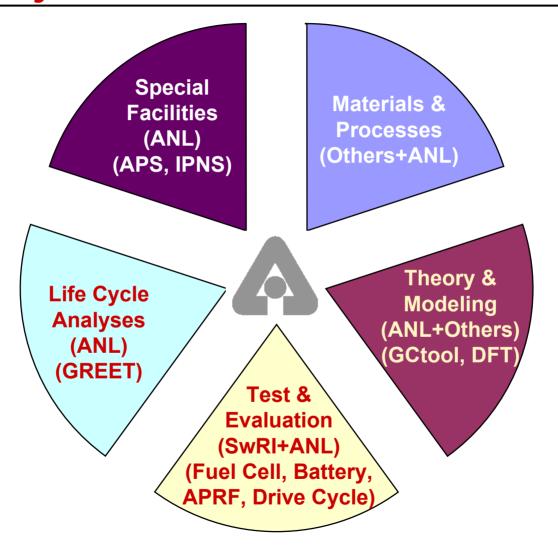


### Proposed Argonne role in H<sub>2</sub> storage materials and processes research

- Lead laboratory for Chemical Hydrides Center
  - ✓ Process definition and analysis / life-cycle analysis
  - ✓ Materials design (theory / modeling) and synthesis
  - ✓ In situ & ex situ characterization (X-ray, neutron scattering)
  - ✓ System-level hardware testing and validation
- Participant in carbon-based and metallic H<sub>2</sub> storage materials and charging processes (e.g., electrochemical)
  - Amorphous carbons, carbon monoliths, carbon molecular sieves, sepiolitederived carbon, organometallics
  - ✓ Synthesis of low-Z, high interstitial complex metal hydrides, structural analyses (X-ray, neutron scattering, NMR)
  - ✓ Molecular modeling (H₂-matrix interaction, electronic structure, bonding)
  - ✓ System-level hardware testing and validation
- Participant with industry / academia in individual Category 2 projects
  - ✓ New/novel storage materials (cages, nanomaterials)
  - ✓ On-board compressed & liquid hydrogen storage (sensors)
  - ✓ Off-board hydrogen storage (materials & energy assessments)
  - ✓ Infrastructure/vehicle refueling (compressor materials & testing)



### Argonne vision of the chemical hydride virtual center





### ANL has strengths and capabilities in materials design, synthesis, and characterization

#### Unique facilities

- Advanced Photon Source (X-rays for materials studies)
- Intense Pulsed Neutron Source (especially for light elements)
- Electron Microscopy Center (TEM, SEM)
- Center for Nanoscale Materials

#### Systems-level and life-cycle analyses

- GREET (life-cycle analyses, regulated and GHG emissions)
- GCtool (systems design and analysis, optimization)

#### Molecular dynamics modeling for tailored materials

- H<sub>2</sub> interaction with host matrix materials
- Materials synthesis, fabrication, and characterization
  - Metals, ceramics, cermets, carbons
  - AFM, MRI, Raman FTIR, quantitative mass spec, etc.
- Battery & fuel cell component- and system-level testing



### Argonne's expertise relevant to H<sub>2</sub> storage materials and process development

- Advanced battery materials and concepts
  - Amorphous carbon with surface cavities [ANL work with C-Li compounds with high Li capacities (equiv to 12-14 wt% H<sub>2</sub>)]
- Structural analysis by X-ray absorption spectroscopy of model materials (e.g., alanates) in situ / ex situ
  - Correlate structure with simultaneous hydrogen sorption / desorption and calorimetry measurements
- Influence of type of on-board hydrogen storage on automotive fuel cell system performance and fuel economy
  - GCtool simulation of compressed H<sub>2</sub>, low- and high-temperature hydrides, glass microspheres, steam-sponge iron, etc. (published in CCM and ECS proceedings)
  - Optimum integration of the hydrogen storage subsystem with the fuel cell (or ICE) power plant



#### Collaboration and teamwork are our hallmark!

#### **Two Examples**

- Fast-start fuel processor (FASTER) project
  - ✓ National Laboratories: LANL, ORNL, PNNL, ANL (lead)
  - ✓ Industry: Precision Combustion, Arvin-Meritor, Quantum
  - ✓ Universities: Purdue-Calumet, Illinois Institute of Technology
  - ✓ Intellectual property agreements
  - ✓ Mission-driven; focused on meeting DOE targets
- Battery Advanced Technology Development (ATD) project
  - ✓ Multiple Laboratories: LBNL, BNL, SNL, INEEL, ANL (lead)
  - ✓ Universities: Wisconsin, Illinois, IIT
  - ✓ Industry: Quallion, others
  - ✓ Coordinated, integrated program for DOE

